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Montreal, Quebec, Canada
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Applicant: Robert H. MARCHESSAULT et al.

New Application

Serial No.: Unknown

Priority Application

Serial No.: 60/198,446

Filed: April 19, 2000

Title: MAGNETIC COMPOUND

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The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
U. S. A.**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47 FOR MAKING AN
APPLICATION FOR AN INVENTOR WHO CANNOT BE
FOUND OR REACHED AFTER DILIGENT EFFORT**

Sir:

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to allow the applicants to make the above-identified application wherein one of the joint applicants/inventors, Virna Veiga, cannot be found or reached after diligent effort, and thus is not available to sign the Declaration in support of the application. In support of this Petition, the following is submitted herewith:

(1) A Declaration signed by Robert Marchessault, one of the inventors herein, as to the facts concerning the disappearance of inventor Virna Veiga. The Declaration indicates that Virna Veiga was a graduate student at McGill University, writing her Master's Thesis and working under the supervision of Robert Marchessault. Virna Veiga discontinued her studies without notice. Mail directed to her last known address was returned, and attempts to reach her by telephone revealed that her rental apartment had been sublet and the new tenants had no information as to her whereabouts. Attempts to locate through her known boyfriend revealed that the boyfriend had also disappeared. The University authorities were informed and they dispatched notices to the known next of kin expressing concern as to the

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disappearance of Virna Veiga, but thus far no information has been received as to the whereabouts of Virna Veiga.

(2) A copy of Assignment signed by the three inventors, including Virna Veiga, in favour of McGill University with respect to the rights in the invention as set forth in the parent U.S. Provisional Application.

(3) Declaration signed by Robert Marchessault and Dominic Ryan, the available inventors. The inventors make the Declaration on their own behalf and on behalf of Virna Veiga who is not available to sign such Declaration. The Declaration signed by the available inventors includes a signature line for the non-signing inventor left blank.

The attached cheque includes the required fee for this Petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Account No. 19-5113.

Acceptance of this Petition together with the Declarations submitted herewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. MARCHESSAULT et al.

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**DECLARATION OF ROBERT H. MARCHESSAULT IN
SUPPORT OF THE PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47**

Sir:

I, ROBERT H. MARCHESSAULT, of Montreal, Quebec, Canada,
hereby declare that:

- (1) THAT I am a co-inventor with Dominic H. Ryan and Virna Veiga in the invention as set forth in U.S. Provisional Application 60/198,446.
- (2) THAT I am a Professor of Chemistry in the Pulp and Paper Center of McGill University in Montreal, Canada, and Virna Veiga was a graduate student writing her Master's Thesis and working under my direction and supervision.
- (3) THAT Virna Veiga discontinued her studies voluntarily and without notice and her whereabouts are unknown.
- (4) THAT attempts to contact include mail directed to her last known address and telephone calls to her last known number and attempts to reach her through her known boyfriend.
- (5) THAT the mail directed to her last known address was returned by Canada Post and the telephone call to her last known number revealed that the apartment that she rented had been sublet, and the new tenants had no information as

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to her whereabouts; the attempts to contact through her known boyfriend revealed that he had disappeared and his whereabouts were unknown.

(6) THAT Virna Veiga and her boyfriend have both disappeared and their whereabouts are unknown.

(7) THAT the University authorities have been notified and such authorities have advised the known next of kin of Virna Veiga, and also of the known boyfriend who was also studying at McGill University, but thus far the University has been unable to obtain any information as to the whereabouts of either Virna Veiga or the known boyfriend.

(8) THAT I submit this Declaration in support of the Petition to the Assistant Commissioner to allow the applicants to make the identified application when the joint inventor Virna Veiga cannot be found.

McGill University is the owner of the rights in the invention as a result of an Assignment signed by all three inventors which is being submitted concurrently for recordal.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the subject patent application or any patent issuing therefrom.

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Date

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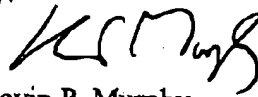
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USA

Sir:

This follows the telephone request of September 10, 2001.

Attached is a copy of the Petition under 37 CFR 1.47 and the
accompanying Declaration that was submitted at the time of filing this
Application.

Respectfully,
Robert H. Marchessault et al
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Date: September 11, 2001

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the
Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

KEVIN P. MURPHY, Reg. No. 26674
Name of person signing certification

Signature: _____

Date: September 11, 2001.